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Intimations.

NOTICE

THE IMPERIAL BANK OF CHINA.

I Have This Day RESUMED CHARGE
of the HONGKONG BRANCH.
E. V. RUTTER,
Manager.
Hongkong, January 6, 1905. 67

NOTICE

THE Interest and Responsibility of Mr
ROBERT KENNEDY LEIGH in
our Firm ceased on 31st December, 1904.
LEIGH & ORANGE.
Hongkong, January 1, 1905. 16

MR ARTHUR HENRY OUGH and Mr
ALFRED DEYER have This Day
been Admitted PARTNERS in our Firm
which will continue to carry on Business
under the Style of LEIGH & ORANGE.
LEIGH & ORANGE.
Hongkong, January 1, 1905. 17

NOTICE

THE Business heretofore carried on in
Hongkong under the name or style of
TURNER & CO., has been transferred to
Messrs. GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., by
whom the same will be carried on in future
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TURNER & CO.
Hongkong, January 2, 1905. 26

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Hongkong, January 2, 1905. 25

NOTICE

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Public that Messrs H. S. ABDULLA
and S. A. MARICAN have entered into
Partnership in the above Firm, since 15th
July, 1904.
The Firm will not hold themselves
responsible for any Debts unless signed by
both parties.
H. S. ABDULLA & S. A. MARICAN,
Partners.
Hongkong, January 6, 1905. 54

NOTICE

THE Interest and Responsibility of the
late JAMES PARK WINGATE
(Deceased) in our Firm ceased on 31st
December, 1904.
TAIT & CO.
Amoy, January 1, 1905. 51

NOTICE

WE Have This Day authorized Mr A.
M. DE CRUZ to Sign our Firm per
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BARRETT & CO.
Hongkong, January 2, 1905. 27

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MEMOS. FOR MONDAY.

Tender Closed.

11 a.m.—Government Bills received by Chief Paymaster, Army Pay Department.

Auction.

2.45 p.m.—Auction of Household Furniture, &c., at No. 8, Cameron Terrace, Kowloon.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Orchestral Concert in City Hall.

Miscellaneous.

Goods per Furner undelivered after noon on this date will be landed.

General Memoranda.

11.30 a.m.—Auction of Manila Cigars, at Mr. Geo. P. Lammert's Sales Rooms.

Wednesday, January 11.—

9 p.m.—Meeting of the Kowloon Pigeon Club at Kowloon Hotel.

Monday, January 16.—

9 p.m.—Auction of Crown Land at the Public Works Department's Offices.

Wednesday, January 18.—

11.30 a.m.—Meeting of The Hongkong Land Reclamation Co., Ltd., at the Company's Offices.

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We cannot undertake to return rejected communications.

Any communication not accompanied by the signature of the writer will be rejected without consideration.

All communications must be legibly written upon one side of the paper.

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The China Mail.

HONGKONG, SATURDAY, JANUARY 7, 1905.

AFTER THE WAR.

[BY PROFESSOR E. H. PARKER.]

II

There is nothing in the British Press to show that hostility against Russia has increased since the war broke out: on the contrary, it would seem that admiration for her bravery under great difficulties has secured for her as much of our sympathy as is compatible with the just expectations of our allies. It is hardly too much to say that every right-thinking individual who has given the subject careful attention would like to see the two gallant foes shake hands and be friends. Though the pride of Japan is at least equal to the pride of Russia, it is not the pride of Japan which would be likely to stand in the way of an honourable settlement. Probably the pride of Russia would find no such difficulty in effecting an accommodation as in giving the necessary guarantees. At this moment (middle of November), and before serious steps are taken on both sides to prepare for next year's campaign, it is extremely likely that Japan would gladly leave Vladivostok and Saghalien alone, if only Southern Manchuria were given back to China under international guarantee: Port Arthur formally abandoned by Russia; political influence excluded from Corea. The question of policing the railway, fixing railway rates moving Russian troops south of Hsinlin, extending Russian railways through Urgan to Kalgan, and other of less general importance would form the work of an International Commission, the first principles of which would be the preservation to China of her nineteen provinces, coupled with equality of commercial right throughout the whole of them.

There is nothing against the interests of Russia, Japan, or any other power—even China—in an arrangement of this sort. Southern Manchuria is a purely Chinese province, which never was even nominally Manchu at all until, whilst preparing for his conquest of China, the Manchu chieftain, 278 years ago, made Mukden his new capital. So far as this province had not previously been Chinese, it had been Corean. Moreover Great Britain, Japan, and America not to speak of other powers, have treaty rights, commercial and missionary interests, and sea access to this province. In Russia's own words, 'the possession of Liaotung dominates Peking and forms an undesirable preponderance of power in the hands of any foreign conqueror.' As to Korea, the genuine Manchuria of history, this should be returned to China whilst admitting Russia's special rights to be defined by international guarantee, subject to the wishes of Japan. North Manchuria, or Tsitsihar, never formed even nominally a part of the new Manchu Empire of the sixteenth century until the Manchus began to contest its possession with Russia. As China has never done much for this province, which, moreover, is sparsely populated and purely an Amur river area, it might well be ceded to Russia to comfort her for her vast expenditure. Russia's special ally, France, could have nothing to object to in the arrangement. After the hornet's nest of the Boxer wars France will probably be chary of involving herself further in the direction of southern conquests. For a century at least she will have enough to do in developing Cochin China, Annam and Tonkin on present lines. Great Britain has never shown the least inclination to secure an exclusive influence in any part of China. If Russia, as part of the international agreement, absolutely renounces all

intentions in the future to claim, under the old lease, Port Arthur, we might well consider the abandonment of the Wei-hai-wee lease; but on terms, the strictest of which should be a self-denying ordinance on the part of Germany to be coupled with the defining of all foreign rights in Shantung and the restraint of all future special German rights in Shantung and over and above those already wrong out of China by treaty.

We have more than once referred to the undoubted ascendancy of the Japanese at present throughout China. It is not confined to the mere extension of their ever-increasing trade, nor is it limited to the metropolitan area. In a Canton paper Japanese opinion on the question of foreign control of the Canton-Hankow railway insists that no foreign power should be allowed to interfere in its control. The writer does not hesitate to affirm that all foreign powers are grasping, and that they are seeking not only legitimate gain, but are taking advantage of the decrepitude of China to further their own ends. But Russia comes in, as is not unnatural, for the severest treatment from the right-handed blows of this fighter. If Japan has anything to say in the future in regard to those who shall direct and control the Canton-Hankow railway, it is obvious that foreigners will not have a look in. How far these views represent official opinion in Japan it is, of course, impossible to say, but we suspect we shall be not far wrong in connecting it with the general prevalent ascendancy of Japanese ideas in China; and we may regard it as an index of the future attitude of Japan, when, as is sure to transpire, she and China become more closely allied.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

Tenement Rates.

Tenement rates for the first quarter of 1905 are payable in advance on or before January 31. Proceedings in the Supreme Court will be taken for rates unpaid on February 23.

Inspectors of Nuisances.

His Excellency the Governor has appointed the following Inspectors of the Sanitary Board to be Inspectors of Nuisances under the Sale of Food and Drugs Ordinance, 1896—G. W. Coysh, J. A. Bullin, H. Pearson, C. E. Frith, C. W. Ward, R. Hudson and R. Fenton.

Football.

An evenly contested and interesting association football match was played yesterday between the Royal West Kent and the Hongkong Football Club. The first half was scoreless, but in the second Dorrall scored for the West Kents and the game resulted in a win for them by one goal to nil.

Interport Football.

Some time ago we stated that a project was on foot to send an association football team to Shanghai, and we now are informed that the proposal has been decided upon. The team, under the captaincy of Mr. W. H. Williams will leave here about Chinese New Year. The team to represent Hongkong will be selected in a day or two, and there is no doubt that a strong eleven can be obtained.

Concert at Kowloon.

A concert will be held at the Seamen's Institute, Kowloon, on Monday, January 9, commencing at 8.30 p.m. The following have kindly promised to assist:—Miss Murray Bain, Mr. F. Austin, Mr. F. O. Barlow, Mr. J. R. Boyes, Mr. G. H. Edwards, Mr. P. W. Golling, Mr. G. Grimble, Dr. Horley, R. N., Mr. H. Koenig, Mr. W. J. L. Phillips, R. N., Mr. A. M. Stewart, Mr. H. A. Tozer.

Bank Notes in Circulation.

The following returns of the average amount of bank-notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during December, are certified by the managers of the respective Banks:—

Banks.	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	3,735,382	2,408,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	12,520,524	7,000,000
National Bank of China, Limited	345,462	150,000
Total	16,599,868	9,558,000

Bad Performance.

The following is the programme of music to be performed by the Band of the Royal West Kent Regiment on the Parade Ground on Monday next, from 4 to 8.30 p.m.:—

March	..... 'Lorraine'	..... Ganne
Overture to	..... 'Die Zauberflote'	..... Mozart
Selection from	..... 'Three Little Maids'	..... Rabuss
Minuetto	..... 'Pavane Vivante'	..... Lencastre
Idyll	..... 'Blumengedichte'	..... Von Blou
Song	..... 'For all Eternity'	..... Machereau
Selection from	..... 'Faust'	..... Gounod
Selection from	..... 'The King'	..... Gounod

Whilst the liner *Krasnaya*, of which, west-bound, was 800 miles from New York, a passenger sent a wireless message to the *Ward* Hotel, ordering a cab to meet him at Hoboken.

STEARNS' HEADACHE CURE can be obtained from all Dispensaries (quickly by post). Never be without the Cure.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

Messrs R. O. Hutchinson and D. W. Tansan have been appointed cadets in the Hongkong Civil Service.

Until a successor is appointed to the Rev. R. L. Piazzi, deceased, the Very Rev. P. de Maria, pro Vice Apostolic, has for the time being the supreme ecclesiastical jurisdiction in the Roman Catholic Church in this Colony.

A short devotional meeting will be held on Monday afternoon at 6.15 in the Lecture room of the European Y.M.C.A., Alexandra buildings, to be followed at 6 o'clock by the annual meeting of the Hongkong Christian Union. All are cordially invited.

A return of samples of brandy, gin, whisky and milk analysed by Mr. A. C. Franklin, Government Analyst, shows that out of 3 samples of brandy, 2 of gin, 13 of whisky and 10 of milk, only 2 of the milk samples were found to be adulterated. The brandy, gin and whisky were found to be pure.

A Challenge.

We understand that the Rifle Association is prepared to pit a team of ten men against any team of ten selected from the Volunteer Reserve Association. Now then, Reservists!

Extensive Opium Seizure.

One of the largest seizures of opium made for some years past is reported from Canton where a Customs officer named Landford a day or so ago discovered a large parcel of opium that was being smuggled into the city. The opium seized is valued at about \$20,000 and has been confiscated.

Naval Yard Strike Over.

The strike of fitters, which occurred at the Naval Yard on Wednesday, has now been declared off, and the coolies have resumed work. It is believed that the men, on learning the truth of the case in which their companion was imprisoned, realized that they had been duped and decided to remain out any longer.

Warrant Officers' Smoking Concert.

The Naval Warrant Officers' Club held a smoking concert on Thursday evening at Blue Buildings. The programme was an excellent one and was carried out with vim. The vice-president, Mr. Bayard, of the *Glory*, proposed the health of the visitors, and Mr. Osborne responded to the toast. The entertainment concluded at midnight after an enjoyable time had been spent.

A Canton Robbery.

The application made by the Chinese authorities for the extradition of a Chinaman named Koh Ah Ying has been granted by Mr. Hazland, at the Magistrate's. In support of the application evidence was given showing that on December 28, at about 8 a.m., between 50 and 60 armed men, headed by the defendant, burst into a pawn shop at Canton and pointing a revolver at the accountant demanded the keys of the safe. The accountant was then seized and a bangs he was wearing stolen. The defendant, who had obtained the keys, went upstairs and removed goods valued at \$28,000, \$4,000 in cash and \$3,600 of jewellery from the safe. The robbers then left the place and Koh Ah Ying was not heard of again until he was arrested in Hongkong some days later. A district watchman who was stationed close by is said to have gone into hiding during the robbery and only re-appeared when the robbers had left the premises.

A Wife Fished.

An example of Chinese methods of keeping order in the domestic circle has come under the notice of the police. The people in question were from the Hakka district and lived at Shaikwan. Some days ago the husband became suspicious of his wife and finding her in a house with a man of whom he was jealous seized the latter and took him up on the hillside where he was tied to a tree and severely beaten with bamboo. This punishment having been administered, the husband, with some of his friends, returned for his wife and she was dragged off home where she also was tied up and fastened to an iron stanchion in one of the rooms. The door was then locked and she was told that she would be thrown into the sea at midnight. Whether this threat would have been carried into effect or not it is difficult to say but the police hearing of what had taken place went to the house a little before 12 o'clock and effected the woman's release. Several arrests have been made and the case, on being brought up at the Magistrate's this morning, was remanded.

OFFICIAL advices have been received at Kowloon from Uppington, in Herefordshire, to the effect that 30,000 Oryzomys, all well armed, have joined the Herefordshire. The flames spread to the storerooms where explosives are kept and the storeroom was blown up. The explosion killed six Japanese and one Korean, and injured five Japanese and a number of natives. Nine Japanese and twenty-three Korean houses were destroyed.

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BY TELEGRAPH.

[CHINA MAIL'S EXCLUSIVE SERVICE.]
[SUPPLIED BY RUSSIAN WIRE SERVICE.]
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THE RUSSO-JAPANESE WAR.

THE SURRENDER OF PORT ARTHUR.

COURT MARTIAL CLAIMED FOR.

Why Was the Fortress Short of Supplies?

London, January 6.

With reference to the statement that an enquiry should be made into the reasons of the surrender of Port

Arthur the *Nova Frempa* supports the demand in the following terms:—

'Let us have a court martial by all means, then we shall discover why the fortress was not supplied with food and munitions of war.'

The enquiry would also bring to light who were the real enemies of Russia, and who were infinitely more dangerous than the Japanese.

[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]

STORSESS'S MESSAGE.

London, January 5.

General Storsess in telegraphing the formal surrender of Port Arthur to the Tsar says: 'Great Sovereign, forgive me have done all that was humanly possible; judge us but be merciful!'

Reuter's correspondent at Tokio wires that the Tsar has cabled General Storsess giving officers the option of parole or imprisonment.

The Tsar has returned to St. Petersburg.

THE CAPTURE OF THE 'NIGRETIA'.

The *Nigretia* has been condemned by the Japanese Prize Court.

Admirals Togo and Kamimura in Tokyo.

Admirals Togo and Kamimura, with their suite, arrived in Tokyo on Dec. 31, says the *Kobe Chronicle*, the train reaching Shinjuku at 9.30 a.m. The victory of the *Nigretia* was celebrated with flags and cannonade at the Imperial Palace and other public buildings, assembled to welcome the heroes. A number of naval and military officers, and many ladies and gentlemen residing in Tokyo greeted the Admirals, who subsequently drove to the Naval Department in a carriage specially sent by the Emperor, receiving en route the plaudits of enthusiastic crowds. All the houses in the city displayed flags, and fireworks were set off in Ebisu Park. In the front of the Navy Department a large triumphal arch had been erected. In the Minister's chamber at the Navy Department, Admiral Baron Yamamoto greeted the Admirals in whose honour toasts were drunk, while banners were given in honour of the Emperor and the Navy and Army. At 11.30 a.m. Admirals Togo and Kamimura proceeded to the Imperial Palace, where they were given an audience by his Majesty, to whom in the presence of Prince Arisugawa and other distinguished persons they reported on the progress of the naval campaign since the war commenced. Later Admirals Togo and Kamimura, with their suite, the Minister for the Navy, and Admiral Ito, Chief of the General Naval Staff, were entertained at dinner by his Majesty, the most radiant from the Palace at 2.30 p.m. His Majesty sent Admiral Togo a present of fish and sake in congratulation on his safe return to Japan.

GENERAL NEWS.

It is said that President Roosevelt secured £20,000 of souvenirs at the St. Louis Exhibition.

The Baltic Fleet paid £14,700 to the Suez Canal Company, says the *Wall Street Gazette* for passage dues.

The Young Men's Literary Room in Penang has been 'discovered' by an order of the Governor in Council, published in the *Gazette*. The step has been taken in the interests of 'the public safety and welfare.'

Charge of Adultery Dismissed.

The *Japan Gazette* states that the charge of adultery laid in the Yokohama Chino Seibasho by Mr. S. H. Kuba against his wife and Mr. E. S. Boyes, was rejected on Dec. 26, on the ground of lack of evidence. This it will be remembered, is the sequel to the recent assault case in Yokohama, when Kuba was sentenced to fifteen months' imprisonment for striking Boyes and causing the loss of sight of one eye.

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[REUTERS'S SERVICE.]
THE UNITED STATES SUBSIDISING NEW MAIL ROUTES.

London, January 6.

The American Report of the *Mercantile Marine*, which has been recommended to Congress, includes subsidies for new mail routes, and measures for stimulating the American carrying trade to South Africa and the East.

REDUCTION OF THE CANAL RATES.

The *Daily Telegraph's* Cairo correspondent wires that in consequence of the proposed new canal the Suez company proposes to reduce the present charge by a franc a ton.

THE NEUTRALITY OF FRANCE.

France replying to representations from Japan, is cooling and retreating the Russian Baltic fleet in Madagascar, says there is no danger of the non-observance of neutrality and the local authorities have received strict instructions.

OPIUM.

A Proposed Increased Tax.

(From Our Correspondent.)

Canton, Jan. 5.

The depleted condition of the provincial exchequer will account in some measure for the agitation now on foot here to increase the duties on native opium.

The provincial authorities are discussing the advisability of placing this added tax on upon the first of the month. It is suggested that this increase shall be about thirteen cents on each taal. But they perceive a difficulty ahead which they don't see any means of avoiding.

Foreign opium is, as is well known, more appreciated by the Chinese than the native product, and, at present the former drug commands a wide sale because it is somewhat cheaper than the Indian drug. However, this new tax is superimposed, the difference between the native and the foreign article will not be substantial, and it is feared that, this being the case, the Chinese will cease to a great extent to buy native opium. This sale thus becoming much less, the income will not be increased, but perhaps even lessened, whilst more money will go out of the country into foreign pockets.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

A Chinaman's Mistake.

A rather good story was told in a case which came before the Court at the Magistrate's this morning. It appears that a day or so ago a wealthy Chinese resident of the city complained to the police that for some nights past he had been disturbed by burglars in his room and asked to be applied for a detective to make investigations. A Chinese detective was accordingly detailed to attend the night in the house and was on his rounds early the following morning when the owner of the house rushed in his night attire and charged the detective with a flag by night. The detective seeing that he was mistaken for the burglar fled from the house into the street and there, as the man who had sought his protection still pursued him, he turned and effected his capture. A charge of carrying arms without a permit resulted, the Chinaman being admitted to bail of \$50. This morning he pleaded guilty to the offence and was fined \$10.

How Police Time is Lost.

There are many cases which are investigated by our police force, and which cause them no small amount of trouble and anxiety, which seldom come before the notice of the public, and a case occurred recently which demonstrated the unnecessary labour that is often thrust upon them. Last Sunday a sampan woman, named Kwok Mei, called at the Yau Ma Tei Police Station and reported that her sampan, containing a man aged 41, her daughter-in-law aged 28, four sons, aged 7, 12, 14, and 19 respectively and a girl aged 4, had been missing for some time. Two Chinamen, she said, hired the boat to take them to Sincowat's Island, and she was fearful that a tragedy had occurred. In view of recent events the police allowed no time to be lost but wired to all the stations informing them of the missing sampan. The woman could not give a description of the men. After a night's hard search during which parties were out in all directions, the sampan was found at Shaikwan much to the joy of the woman. The Chinamen who hired the boat had been landed and instead of going back to Yau Ma Tei the sampan headed for Shaikwan where he had some business to perform. The negligence shown by the man in not informing the woman of his intended trip to Shaikwan was the cause of considerable work and annoyance to the police. Yet they have no remedy. The report was made and investigations had to be made. Their prompt discovery of the sampan was very creditable.

SUPREME COURT.

IN SUMMARY JURISDICTION.

(Before His Honour, Mr. T. Sercombe Smith, Acting Puisne Judge.)

Saturday, January 7.

A TRIANGULAR DISPUTE.

The Hongkong Land Investment Company and Ng Chit Mi and another for \$700. Mr. D. Sercombe Smith (of Messrs. Deacon, Lockyer and Dawson) appeared for the plaintiff, while defendant was represented by Mr. S. W. Teo.

Mr. Teo agreed to judgment against his client, and a subsequent action was heard in which the defendant in the first action sued four Chinese in Canton for the amount claimed by the Hongkong Land Investment Company as indemnity. The third party did not appear, and evidence was given as to the service of the writ. Judgment was given for Ng Chit Mi against the third party with costs.

THE FILIPINO MURDERER.

I'm Guilty—I Killed.

At the Magistrate's Court this morning, Pagan, the Filipino, who is alleged to be responsible for the murder of a fellow passenger on board the *Armenia*, was brought before Mr. H. H. J. Compertz and charged with the murder of one Apowen, in the harbour on the 5th inst.

The man was arrested yesterday evening about 7 o'clock, at West Point, after he had attacked and wounded the constable who effected his arrest.

How he got off the ship is not known but it seems likely that it was not until some time after the murder was committed, as he was at that time attired only in his shirt and when arrested he was wearing a pair of Chinese trousers and a European coat.

The collar which he wore is at present in the Government Civil Hospital and is in a very critical condition, his life being despaired of, but the Chinese constable's wounds are not of a serious nature.

The accused, on being placed in the dock, was seen to be a man of rather diminutive stature, but thick set and very dark. He was poorly dressed in an old pair of Chinese trousers and a blue serge European coat, and was bare footed and bare headed. The case did not come on until about 10 o'clock as there was great difficulty in securing an interpreter who could speak the dialect understood by the accused. The difficulty was overcome by Mr. Nolan, the Court interpreter, who speaks Spanish, translating the evidence into that language to a Filipino named Lavare Bivir, who in turn translated the Spanish into Tagalog, so that with the Chinese interpreter there were three interpreters employed simultaneously in the case.

On the charge being interpreted to the accused he replied: "I am guilty, I killed." It was then remembered that this having been done and the charge repeated, the accused replied, "Yes."

Chinese constable Chow Fook was called to prove the arrest, and he stated that yesterday afternoon about 6.15 he was standing on the *Misao* steamer when he saw some riska coolie calling out for a policeman. He went up to where they were standing and saw a coolie sitting on the ground bleeding from a wound in his chest. The accused was standing close to the wounded coolie, who said that he had stabbed him. Witness then went up to arrest the accused, who drew a knife from his pocket and stabbed at his chest but he was ward off the blow and the accused only succeeded in cutting his jacket. He then closed with the accused and in the struggle they both fell on the ground and rolled over but he succeeded in taking the knife from him. The knife was produced and marked as an exhibit, and proved to be an old pocket knife of about the ordinary size and apparently one that had been a long time in use.

Witness, continuing, said that he then blew his whistle and another constable came up and removed the wounded coolie to the hospital, while he took the accused to the Central Police Station. In the charge room he was searched by a European constable in witness' presence, and another pocket knife was found in one of his pockets which had blood stains on it.

The accused did not wish to ask the witness any questions, and Mr. Compertz intimated that he would not take any further evidence, so the case was adjourned until 9 o'clock on Monday morning.

In reply to the Bench, Inspector Langley, who had charge of the case, said that he had 12 witnesses to call, but he thought that the whole of their evidence would be able to be taken on Monday.

During the hearing of the case some of the Filipinos were in Court, including two women who were dressed in a peculiar costume and wearing a head dress of beads, and were talked about the hands and feet.

The whole of the Filipinos on board the *Armenia* are the people who were sent to the St. Louis Exposition to form the population of the *Moro* village that was one of the attractions at the Fair.

WHEN SUFFERING from a cold and you fear an attack of pneumonia, secure a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and use it judiciously. There is no danger from this disease when this remedy is used. It always cures and cures quickly. For sale by All Dealers; Watson & Co., Ltd., General Agents.

THE INDUSTRIES OF HONGKONG.

PIANO MAKING.

Of all the musical instruments that grace the homes of the people the piano is the most familiar, and wherever Englishmen congregate, no matter in what outpost of the world it is, a piano is to be found there. With pianos manufactured at Hongkong the Continent there is a great tendency towards depreciation when they are introduced in tropical or sub-tropical climates, such as Hongkong. To overcome this the Robinson Piano Company installed a piano factory at Wanchai, where all the materials used in the production of the instrument are well accustomed to the climate before they are put together, thus surmounting the main obstacle in the way of introducing an instrument of stability into the Colony.

The factory covers a considerable area of ground, the floor area being 11,500 square feet. The works are under the supervision of Mr. S. Douglas Bickie, and he has a staff of upwards of 100 Chinamen under his control. A visit to the establishment showed how the work of building a piano is proceeded with, from the time that the frame and raw material is imported into the Colony until a finished article is sent up to the warehouse in Queen's Road.

The stability of the piano depends largely on the iron frame which is specially cast for the Company at Home and sent out. The wires, steel and copper, are also imported, as are the action and keys. The timber which forms the sounding board comes from Austria, and the forests of Germany, and is known as Swiss pine. It is an excellent clear wood, without a knot in it and is exceptionally well suited for its purpose. It is well seasoned at home before it arrives in Hongkong, and on arrival here it is further seasoned, being kept for at least one year, a winter and a summer, to allow it to become inured to Hongkong climate. The timber is then shaped and planed to the required size and thoroughly varnished back and front, rendering it impervious to any moisture. The thickness of the sound board varies from the treble to the bass, in places being three-sixteenths of an inch thick, in others five-eighths of an inch, and in others one-quarter of an inch. Strips of wood are affixed to the back of the sound board and these also vary in thickness length and width. All this work is done at the factory, and the manner in which the Chinese turn it out is creditable in the extreme.

The support for the frame is made of heavy pieces of pine, 4" square, on to which is screwed the wrest-plank, composed of beech, cross-grained, to prevent any possibility of splitting. Into this the tuning pins are driven and the whole is glued and bolted to the back. The wires from which the sounds are produced run obliquely across the frame from top to bottom. Naturally enough the strain on the strings is enormous, and averages in parts as much as 150 pounds to a single string, the total strain on the iron frame being some eighteen tons. The strings are made of copper-plated steel wire, in the case of the treble notes, and of copper wire round a steel wire in the case of the bass tones. The highest notes are the shortest strings and are of fine steel; the bass notes are made by coiling two threads of copper wire around a steel string, itself copper-plated to protect it from the ravages of rust. The strings are cut and fashioned to the required size in the factory. Two machines for making covered strings are kept in use, the process being made very simple by the ingenuity of the machine. Machines for boring the keyboard and wrest-plank and for sawing the timber into required lengths and thicknesses also aid in the manufacture of the pianos.

When the frame and back of the machine are securely fastened together the teakwood case-work is put on. This teakwood is imported direct from Bangkok, and is thoroughly seasoned before being put into use. Teak is without a rival for the casing of pianos. It is a very hard wood, and is therefore considered superior for local use to such woods as Mahogany, Walnut, etc. Naturally the cost of teakwood here is considerably less than it is in England or Germany, where the high freight incurred in transit brings the initial cost of the timber up to a somewhat high figure. The timber is stored in one of the heated drying rooms at the factory and is from time to time exposed to the sun and atmosphere on an open piece of ground adjoining the factory. This ground has an area of 10,000 square feet.

The teak is seasoned, or given the appearance of ebony, after it is put on to the piano, or it is stained and dyed to resemble different varieties of timber which are equally desired by purchasers.

The felt for the hammers which strike the strings is imported from well-known piano suppliers and is cut up into the different thicknesses necessary for the production of the desired quality of tone and is then put on to the hammer head. Other felts for various uses are also kept in rolls and lengths, and are cut up as occasion demands. The keys are made in the factory, and are weighted at end. The key is covered with celluloid, in one place which is glued and stained on, thus making it impossible for the celluloid to come off from the key. In times when the factory is very busy these keys are imported ready made to facilitate the filling of orders promptly.

All the Chinese employed by the Robinson Piano Company, either in Shanghai, Singapore, or here, are trained at the Hongkong factory, it being no unusual thing for them to have 100 men working at one time here.

The piano, turned out by the Robinson Piano Company has a longer range than most of the imported varieties, as instead of giving

a range of seven octaves only, it gives one of seven and a third octaves. The small model made here gives the same range as imported instruments. The output of the factory is about fifteen pianos per month, and a great deal of repairing work is undertaken. The firm are always busy and are at times hard pushed to keep pace with the demand made on them.

The main points with regard to the pianos manufactured here is their stability and comparative cheapness. With all the parts well seasoned the risk of deterioration is small, and the experience of the head of the company enables them to turn out a thoroughly good durable instrument.

CRICKET.

HONGKONG C. C. V. THE NAVY.

A cricket match between the Hongkong Cricket Club and the Navy was commenced on the Cricket Ground this morning. The scores up till 4 o'clock were:—

THE NAVY.	
Dr. Horsey, b. R. E. O. Bird, ...	20
Dr. Hardman Jones, b. Mackay, ...	27
Dr. Gibson, c. William Dixon, b. Mackay, ...	29
Dr. Hambro, c. Mackay, b. Pearce, ...	28
Dr. Reacombe, c. William Dixon, b. Pearce, ...	14
Dr. Williams, c. William Dixon, b. Pearce, ...	40
Dr. Gantrell, not out, ...	40
Dr. Venn, c. William Dixon, b. Airt, ...	5
Dr. De Paris, c. T. S. Smith, b. Airt, ...	5
Dr. Harris, b. Airt, ...	5
Sundries, ...	18
Total, ...	262

HONGKONG.	
Dr. Airt, not out, ...	4
Dr. E. Pearce, not out, ...	34
Sundries, ...	0
Total, ...	38

BOWLING ANALYSIS.

THE NAVY.	
William Dixon, ...	18
O. H. Mackay, ...	15
R. E. O. Bird, ...	6
T. Pearce, ...	7
R. Hancock, ...	6
Dr. Airt, ...	5

GAMBLING DENS AT CANTON.

A Temptation to Shroffs.

(From Our Correspondent.)

CANTON, Jan. 6.

The gambling houses of Canton have, of late, been increasing so extensively, that they have become a menace to the well-being of the people. They are being built after the model of those in Macao. They are often decorated at considerable expense. Recently, however, some influential Chinese merchants have appealed to the officials to close down all the dens for the last ten days and nights of the old year. The reason assigned is that at this time, business people are closing their shops, and clerks are out, on all sides, collecting their masters' moneys, and, to them, these dens will be an irresistible temptation when they have funds in their keeping.

Those who seek to close these places are encouraged by the native press, which urges that should the first attempt to secure a promise from the mandarins fail, a second and even a third should be made. It will be interesting to watch the issue of the struggle. The officials in a body are sound on the question of gambling; if they are not in need of funds, and if they know that most of them confess that these dens are a menace to the population. But though theoretically they are sound, when the exchequer is depleted, they hang up their principles till a more convenient season.

TRAINING NOTES.

Work at the Course.

Owing to the dull weather training commenced somewhat later than usual at Happy Valley this morning, and although there were a good number of ponies out not many gallops of importance occurred. Some of the ponies left the course early without having been galloped. The last gallop timed was one of the most interesting of the morning being between three Derby griffins, two being the property of Mr. Gresson. The griffins looked and moved well and covered the mile in 2.20 with ease. The times for the quarters were 30.3, 1.12, and 1.47. Royal was taken over 1 1/2 mile but only the last mile was timed and was accomplished in 2.23.

Mr. Cruikshank's pony accompanied by another, galloped a mile in 37.5, 1.14, 1.46, 2.23, while Mr. Dorabjee's pony did the same distances in 42, 1.20.3, 2.23.

Mr. Johnson's and Mr. Gresson's Derby ran the last three quarters of a mile in 39, 1.17, 1.51, and Mr. Clarke's white pony did the mile in 39, 1.13, 1.50, 2.25. Other times were:—

Pat and Mr. Humphrey's pony 1 1/2 mile—39, 1.13, 1.50, 2.23, 3.08.

Allan and Cate Walk 1 1/2 mile—41, 1.15, 1.53, 2.29.

Mr. Walker's white pony 1 mile—41, 1.22, 2.01, 2.56.

Mr. Forrest's and 2 1/2 mile—35, 1.09, 1.42.

Mr. Gresson's sub 1 mile—the last three quarters timed, 40, 1.30, 1.54.

FOUR notes to the value of £2000 were discovered in the residence of Dr. Smit, a leading physician of Roxbury, Massachusetts (says the New York American), who is now in custody.

A statistician affirms that the majority of people who arrive old age have kept late hours. Eight out of 10 who reach the age of 80 have never gone to bed till after 12 at night.

ZYNOLITE TOOTH POWDER, a perfect tooth-cleaning, whitening and preservative for the teeth, is very refreshing.

CHESTNUTS AND GREEN FIGS.

He had only been a resident in Hongkong for seventeen years and, as a consequence, his knowledge of the Chinese language was necessarily somewhat limited.

One day he took to tiffin at the Hongkong Hotel a globe-trotter who had been riding about the town all the morning and who was curious as to the meaning of the much-used Chinese word "Hiyah."

"I'm afraid I don't know," said the local linguist, "but I'll soon find out; it's a great thing being able to talk pidgin English," and he summoned one of the Hotel boys.

"Now, boy," he began, "pay looksee my when any men he say 'Hiyah,' what thing blong 'savy'?"

"It's an interjection, Sir," gravely answered the boy, to the amusement of the globe-trotter.

Another instance has come to hand of an Englishman being confounded by unexpectedly good English. A young gentleman who, as a general rule, is noted for his charming manner and polished language, was going out to dinner and was already hopelessly late. Coming round a corner he at last found a ricksha, but unfortunately, a Chinaman was just stepping into it. "Come out of that, you son-of-a-gun, before I chuck you out," roared the belated diner.

"If you can use politely," said the Chinaman, "I don't mind giving up my ricksha to you; but I shan't do it if you like that."

He was a well-thought-up youth and so he took off his hat and said, "I beg your pardon, Sir: it's your ricksha," and walked on with a feeling that he had been very badly scored off.

An interesting letter has come back from a correspondent who went home on the P. and O. s.s. *Macedonia*. It is pleasant to read that "the *Macedonia* is the most gorgeous ship I've ever been on—beats the *Kiautschou* all to bits." This is very high praise, if deserved, and reflects on the P. and O. Company. What is of vital importance to us, however, is that the *Kiautschou* comes to Hongkong and the *Macedonia* doesn't.

Four people have written in to ask me if I have read "The Ordeal by Fire." It's a joke I'm afraid I don't see it.

The Gas Company has long been a cause of wit in them; it has now decided to manufacture its own wit and has supplied its Chinese bill-collector with a professional joke to be used in cases of emergency. A victim sends an account of his own experience.

Victim: "I'm sure I never used half as much gas as this."

Collector: "Well, that's the amount according to the meter."

Victim: "Then there must be something wrong with the blooming meter."

Collector: "Consumption, perhaps."

"I had to take that funny, partner," said the weak player who had made a mess of a good hand.

"Pinsie," said the irate dummy, "I am afraid I didn't see the finesse; perhaps you did it while I was lighting my pipe. I'm very sorry—I should like to have seen it very much. I'll tell you what I did see, though: I saw you make an absolute gift of seven ruddy tricks to them!"

Sleep: The club card-room. Time: After Dinner.

Dealer: "I leave it to you, partner."

Partner: "Mine's a green mint with crushed tea."

The correspondent who sends in the above contribution is good enough to say that it is his friend's, and that he has never appeared in *Punch*, but that when he sent it home to that paper it was not deemed worthy to appear. Let our correspondent persevere; the Editor of *Punch* may yet come on bended knees to implore him to contribute.—E.O.M.

He was an ancient bridge-player and in the early days of their courtship she thought it would be a good idea to stalk him through his favourite game.

"You must teach me bridge," she said.

"All the ladies play bridge now and I should as like to be taught by a first-class player."

It was so arranged and Edwin and Angelina deftly cut the cards so that they played together. The cards were dealt and in the second round spades (the ace) were led for the first time. Keedoo came Angelina's ace of trumps on top of it.

"Haven't you got any spades, partner?" quoth Edwin.

"Of course I have," was the reply. "I've got five little ones; but need you follow suit if you can trump? You needn't at bridge, you know."

The man and the bridge-player fought hard within his breast, but in the end love was triumphant.

His chief fault was his extreme youth, and when he came into the bar on the morning after the ball, it was evident to the older man that he was dying to unbecomingly himself. He could hardly swallow the drink that was offered him; he was so check-fall of the big news that he was about to impart.

"Look here, Plimpkins," he at last blurted out, "if you saw a married woman being kissed by a bachelor at a dance, what would you do?"

"Do!" said the man of the world. "I'd belly well keep my mouth shut, and I advise you to do the same."

There is a rumour that the Star Ferry Company, fearing that the Balise Fleet may make their laudable, owing to the fact that the Japanese torpedo-boats, have decided to keep the lamps on the upper deck, regularly filled with oil. They will thereby earn the gratitude of many passengers who wish to read the *China Mail* on their way over at night.

In a recent book of Barry Parry's it is written that all the things worth achieving

in this world have been achieved by people who drank nothing but water. The *China Mail* has much pleasure in giving wider publicity to the discovery.

It was Race Week at a certain Indian station and the local editor thought it would be a good idea to have an article describing the dresses of female society. But the question of who was to write it was not easily answered. At last a bold and fearless sub-editor consented to try his hand. His instructions were to flatter everybody to the full extent of his adjectival ability. The brave youth did his very best and afforded simple gratification in all cases except one. The exception was, unfortunately, his C.O.'s wife, who was famous because she had been described as "looking very lady-like in light brown."

It was after the recent shooting by the Volunteer Reserve Association, Marker to member of the Rifle Association:—"I think more better you chaiten my one piece, now red flag." Was the old one worn out with waving or added with bullets?

That's all this week, Mr. Winter. Put in a double row of asterisks if it doesn't quite make a column.

NUTRACKER.

BY WHARF AND WAVE.

The Douglas steamship Company, we believe, has sold the S.S. *Haitong*.

A Chinaman with the somewhat singular name of John Honest was, at Glasgow Sheriff-court recently, charged with contravening the Merchant Shipping Act by willfully harbouring and securing three Chinese seamen who had deserted from the s.s. *Keenon*, belonging to the Ocean Steamship Company. The man, who had been employed as fireman deserted on 5th October, while the vessel was being in Prince's Dock, Glasgow. Accused pleaded not guilty, and evidence was led. Captain Thomas Peters, superintendent of the Ocean Steamship Company, stated that in searching for the men he and two other men called at the house at 462 Paisley-road occupied by accused. They showed Honest photographs of the deserters, and the Chinaman said he knew nothing about them. On 4th November, in consequence of information received from Mr. Alexander Morton, messenger-at-arms, they again visited the house, and found the deserters playing at dominoes with accused, who said, "These are the men; they are due on four weeks board and lodgings." Descriptions of Chinese, witness proceeded to read, were becoming rather frequent, and as these men could not be replaced, vessels had often to sail short-handed. The assistant superintendent of the company spoke to seeing accused on board the *Keenon* a day or two prior to the desertion of the trio. On that occasion Honest was warned, and told he had no right on board the vessel. Accused, who wore medals won at the battle of Alexandria, at which time he was employed as cook on a battleship, then gave evidence on his own behalf, and speaking in plain English, he denied knowledge that the men had deserted. Sheriff Miller imposed a fine of £21-2s for each seaman harboured—the alternative being 60 days' imprisonment. Mr. Melver, brother of Mr. M. Melver of the Hongkong Harbour Office, was the prosecutor.

HONGKONG SHARE MARKET.

In their weekly share report, dated 7th January, Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly and Potts state:—

Since we wrote last, business generally has continued quiet owing to the prevailing stringency of the money market and the near approach of the Chinese New Year.

Banking.—Hongkong and Shanghai Banks have been negotiating and are still offering at \$710. The London quotation has risen to £271. Nationals have found buyers at \$38.

Marine Insurance.—Unions remain in request at \$800 and Canteons are easier at \$250 while other stocks are unchanged.

Fire Insurance.—China Fires have been booked at \$91 and are wanted. Hongkong Fires have improved and can be placed at \$335.

Shipping.—Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboats are offering at \$274. India-China have weakened and are to be had at \$127. China and Manila may be obtained at \$223, and Douglas Steamships have been booked at \$334. Star Ferries have fallen to \$38, \$49 for the old and new shares respectively. Shell Transports are required for 25/- ex the interim dividend of one shilling just paid.

Refineries.—China Sugars have receded to \$225 and are offering. Luzzos continue in demand at \$16.

Mining.—Chinese Engineering keep firm and are still wanted at \$12. The Raeb crushing for December gave 540 ounces of gold from 3,500 tons of stone. Shares are proreable at \$34.

Docks, Wharves and Godowns.—Hongkong and Wharves Docks have changed hands at \$230 and close with further sellers. Farmhouses have not maintained their position and business has been done at \$13.150 and \$150 ex the interim dividend of \$1.5 paid in Shanghai to-day, at which latter rate more shares are required for. Kowloon Wharves have slightly improved and are in demand at \$112. Hongkong Wharves have been booked at \$12.17 for the old and \$12.155 for the new issue.

Land, Hotels and Buildings.—Hongkong Land is in the market at \$145, and Shanghai Land, roughly in request at \$117. Hongkong Hotels are quiet; with sellers at \$114. Humphreys Estate can be placed at \$124.

Cotton Mills.—Further sales of Ewos at \$12.25 are reported.

Copied Clauses.—Sumatra have again been placed at \$14.65 and more shares are wanted.

Miscellaneous.—Green Island Cements have changed hands at \$294. China Provident have been dealt in at \$94. Sales of William Powell have been effected at \$124 at which rate further shares are wanted. Electric (old issue) have been bought at \$15. Langkats have been disposed of at \$14.275 and \$12.280.

To-day's Advertisements

WANTED.

AN ASSISTANT IN WINE BUSINESS. Experience in the Trade and Ability to Correspond indispensable. Apply to EXPEDITION, Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office, Hongkong, January 7, 1906.

To-day's Advertisements

WANTED.

THE WINE GROWERS SUPPLY CO. DIRECT IMPORTERS OF WINE, BEER AND SPIRITS from well-known Growers, Brewers and Distillers. PRIOR LEFT ON APPLICATION. BARRETT & CO., Agents, No. 22 & 24, BARR & ALLAN, Queen's Road, Hongkong, January 7, 1906.

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THE CO'S STEAMSHIP, PARAS, having arrived from the above Port, consignees of Cargo by her are hereby informed that their Goods will be delivered from alongside. Cargo impeding the discharge or remaining on board after 12 o'clock. Now, the 9th inst., will be landed at Government wharf, and expense into Odessa at East Point. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., Agents, Hongkong, January 7, 1904.

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Hongkong, January 7, 1904. 20-6

THEATRE ROYAL

GRAND ORCHESTRAL CONCERT

BY THE BAND OF H. I. G. M. S. "Furber Bismarck."

MONDAY, 9th JANUARY, at 9 p.m.

Booking at the ROBINSON PIANO COMPANY, LD.

Hongkong January 8, 1905. 33

PUBLIC AUCTION.

Particulars and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 16th day of January, 1906, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Tai Hang Village, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

Particulars of the Lot.

Boundary	Residual	Annual Rent	Term	Useful Area	
Acres	Sq. Yds.	£	s.	d.	Sq. Yds.

Shipping.

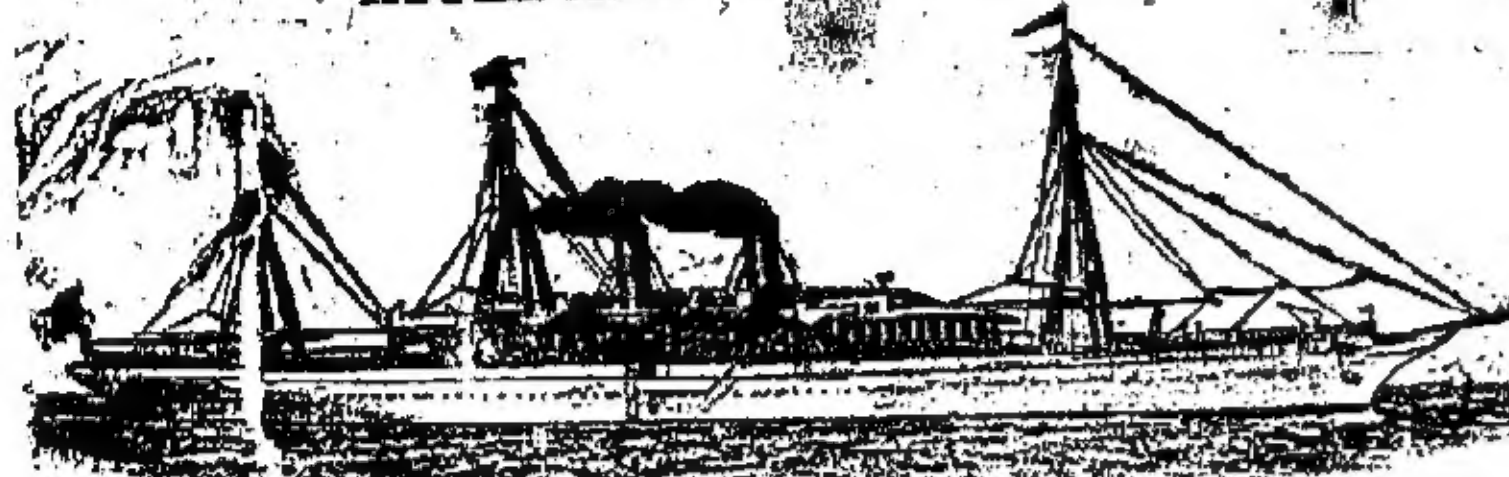
PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAMSHIP NAVIGATION COMPANY.

WILL dispatch VESSELS to the Undermentioned PORTS on the DATE named—

STEAMERS	TO	DATE	REMARKS
SHANGHAI	Palma	About 12th January	Freight only.
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP DIRECT	Palma	About 12th January	Freight and Passage.
SHANGHAI	Palma	About 14th January	Freight and Passage.
LONDON, &c.	Palma	Noon, 14th January	See Special Advertisement.

For further Particulars, apply to E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent.
P. & O. S. N. Co.'s Office, Hongkong, January 4, 1905.

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.



THE FAST ROUTE BETWEEN CHINA, JAPAN AND EUROPE, VIA CANADA AND THE UNITED STATES.
Calling at SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA AND VICTORIA, B.C. Saving 8 to 7 days across the Pacific.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong. (Subject to Alteration.)
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF CHINA 6000 Tons, Wednesday, Jan. 11.
R.M.S. TARTAR 4420 Tons, Wednesday, Jan. 25.
R.M.S. EMPRESS OF JAPAN 6000 Tons, Wednesday, Feb. 8.
R.M.S. ATHENIAN 3882 Tons, Wednesday, Mar. 15.

Hongkong to London, 1st Class, via St. Lawrence 260, via New York 282.
Intermediate on Steamers, 440, " 442.

THE magnificent EMPRESS STEAMSHIPS passing through the famous INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, usually make the voyage YOKOHAMA TO VANCOUVER (B.C.) in 12 DAYS, and make connection with the PACIFIC OVERLAND TRAINS FROM THE PACIFIC TO THE ATLANTIC WITHOUT CHANGE.

R.M.S. TARTAR and ATHENIAN carry INTERMEDIATE Passengers only at intermediate rates, affording superior accommodation for that class. Passengers booked through to all principal points and AROUND THE WORLD. SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

For further information, Maps, Guides, Books, Rates of Freight and Passage, apply to D. W. CRADDOCK, Acting General Agent, Pedder Street.

PORTLAND AND ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG, via INLAND SEA OF JAPAN, PORTLAND, OREGON, and SEA OF OKHOTSK, to KOREA, YOKOHAMA, and FOR

OPERATING IN CONNECTION WITH THE OREGON RAILROAD & NAVIGATION CO.

STEAMSHIP	TONS	CAPTAIN	TO SAIL AT DAYLIGHT ON
NICOMEDIA	4370	WAGNER	Jan. 9, 1905.
NUMANTIA	4370	BREMER	Jan. 21, 1905.
ARABIA	4483	DARKE	Feb. 13, 1905.
ARAGONIA	5198	SCHULTZ	Mar. 5, 1905.

Through Bills of Lading issued to Pacific Coast Points and all Eastern, Canadian, and United States Ports. For through rates of Freight and further information, communicate with or apply to

PORTLAND & ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

Hongkong, January 7, 1905.

OSAKA SHOSHEN KAISHA.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE BETWEEN HONGKONG, SOUTH CHINA COAST PORTS AND FORMOSA.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

FOR	STEAMERS	LEAVING
TAMU, Via SWATOW AND AMOY.	M. STUVE	SUNDAY, 8th Jan., at Daylight.
ANPING, Via SWATOW AND AMOY.	DECIMA	TUESDAY, about January 12.
TAMU, Via SWATOW AND AMOY.	FRITHJOE	SUNDAY, 15th Jan., at Daylight.
FOOCHOW, Via SWATOW AND AMOY.	TRIUMPH	WEDNESDAY, Jan. 18, at Daylight.

On account of the present state of political affairs, all the Company's new Steamers have been requisitioned for Transport Service, and the above-named chartered Steamers have been secured instead for maintenance of the Company's Coastal Services. As soon as the state of Affairs permit the Company will resume running with its specially designed new Steamers.

For Freight, Passage and further information, apply at the Co.'s local Branch Office, at No. 6, Des Voeux Road Central.

T. ARIMA, Manager.

Hongkong, January 7, 1905.

NORTHERN PACIFIC LINE.

BOSTON STEAMSHIP CO. BOSTON TOWBOAT CO.

CONNECTING AT TACOMA WITH

NORTHERN PACIFIC RAILWAY CO.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG FOR

VICTORIA B.C. AND TACOMA

VIA

MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

Steamers	Tons	Captains	To Sail
TREMONT	9806	T. W. Garlick	About Jan. 17.
LYRA	4417	G. V. Williams	About Feb. 9.
PLEIADES	3763	F. G. Purinton	About Mar. 4.

† Cargo only.

FOR MANILA.

The largest, steadiest, and most comfortable steamers for Manila.

CHEAP FARES, EXCELLENT ACCOMMODATION, ATTENDANCE AND CUISINE. ELECTRIC LIGHT, DOCTOR AND STEWARDESS.

The Twin-screw s.s. *Sumner* and *Tremont* have just been fitted with very superior accommodation for First and Second Class Passengers. The large size of these vessels ensures steadiness at sea. Electric fans in each room. Barber's shop and steam laundry. Cargo carried in cold storage.

PARCEL EXPRESS TO THE UNITED STATES AND CANADA. For further information, Apply to

Dodwell & Co., Limited,

QUEEN'S BUILDINGS, Hongkong, January 3, 1905.

Shipping.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED, AND CHINA MUTUAL STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

JOINT SERVICES.

FORTNIGHTLY SAILINGS FOR LONDON AND CONTINENT. MONTHLY SAILINGS FOR LIVERPOOL.

TAKING CARGO ON THROUGH BILLS OF LADING FOR ALL EUROPEAN, NORTH AND SOUTH AMERICAN, WEST AUSTRALIAN, JAVA, AND SUMATRA PORTS.

FROM	STEAMERS	DATE
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	AXAN	11th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	TYDEUS	24th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PARKING	25th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	DOONEUS	26th January.
GLASGOW AND LIVERPOOL	PROMETHEUS	31st January.

FOR	STEAMERS	DATE
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	HYBOS	17th January.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	HECTOR	20th January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	PAUL	23rd January.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	GAUCUS	14th February.
* GENOA, MARSEILLES & LIVERPOOL	AXAN	20th February.
AMSTERDAM, LONDON & ANTWERP	DOONEUS	28th February.

* Taking Cargo for Liverpool at London Rates.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA, and all PACIFIC COAST PORTS VIA TYDEUS	AXAN	27th January.
NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	AXAN	27th January.

For Freight, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

Hongkong, January 7, 1905.

CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LD.

FOR	STEAMERS	TO SAIL
SHANGHAI	Woonsoo	10th January.
MANILA	TEAT	10th January.
CEBU AND ILOILO	Kaifong	11th January.
PORT DARWIN, THURSDAY ISLAND, COOKTOWN, CAIRNS, TOWNSVILLE, BRISBANE, SYDNEY and MELBOURNE	Taiwan	20th January.

The attention of Passengers is directed to the Superior Accommodation offered by these Steamers, which are fitted throughout with Electric Light. Unrivalled Table. A duly qualified Surgeon is carried.

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N.B.—REDUCED SALOON FARES, Single and Return, To Manila and Australian Ports.

For Freight or Passage, apply to BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, AGENTS.

Hongkong, January 6, 1905.

HONGKONG-MANILA.

Highest Class, newest, fastest and most luxurious Steamers between Hongkong and Manila. Saloon amidships. Electric Light—Perfect Cuisine—Surgeon and Stewardess carried.—All the most up-to-date arrangements for comfort of Passengers.

Steamship	Tons	Captains	For	Sailing Date
RUBI	2540	R. W. Almond	Manila	Jan. 14, at 10 a.m.
ZAFIRO	2540	R. Rodger	"	Jan. 21, at 10 a.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to Shewan, Tomes & Co., General Managers.

Hongkong, January 7, 1905.

SOUTH AFRICAN LINE OF STEAMERS.

HONGKONG DIRECT (or via CHEFOO or CHIN-WAN-TAO) to DURBAN, NATAL.

THE following Chartered Steamers will run at Intervals of about 3 Weeks—

S.S. SWANLEY	...	Captain J. P. DAWSON
S.S. COURTFIELD	...	J. W. MARTIN
S.S. ORANLEY	...	W. E. STEELS
S.S. IREAL	...	M. ROBERTSON
S.S. ASOOT	...	U. E. COX
S.S. LOTHIAN	...	J. G. WILLIAMSON
S.S. INEUM	...	R. S. PHARES
S.S. SIEHL	...	J. ROWLEY
S.S. SOVALLA	...	GET SHEPHERD
S.S. INDRASHAMA	...	R. P. CHAYKIN
S.S. INDRAYELLE	...	J. CULLENGTON
S.S. SEALDA	...	Geo. BROWN

For Freight, apply to GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., Agents.

Hongkong, December 23, 1904.

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LINE.

REGULAR FOUR-WEEKLY SERVICE BETWEEN JAVA, CHINA AND JAPAN.

STEAMERS	FROM	EXPECTED ON OR ABOUT	WILL LEAVE FOR	ON OR ABOUT
TOJANAS	JAPAN.	Second half January.	JAVA PORTS.	Second half January.
TOJATJAP	JAVA PORTS.	First half January.	JAPAN, via SHANGHAI.	First half January.
TOJMAHI	JAVA PORTS.	Second half January.	JAPAN, via SHANGHAI.	First half February.

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo to all Ports in Netherlands India on through B/L.

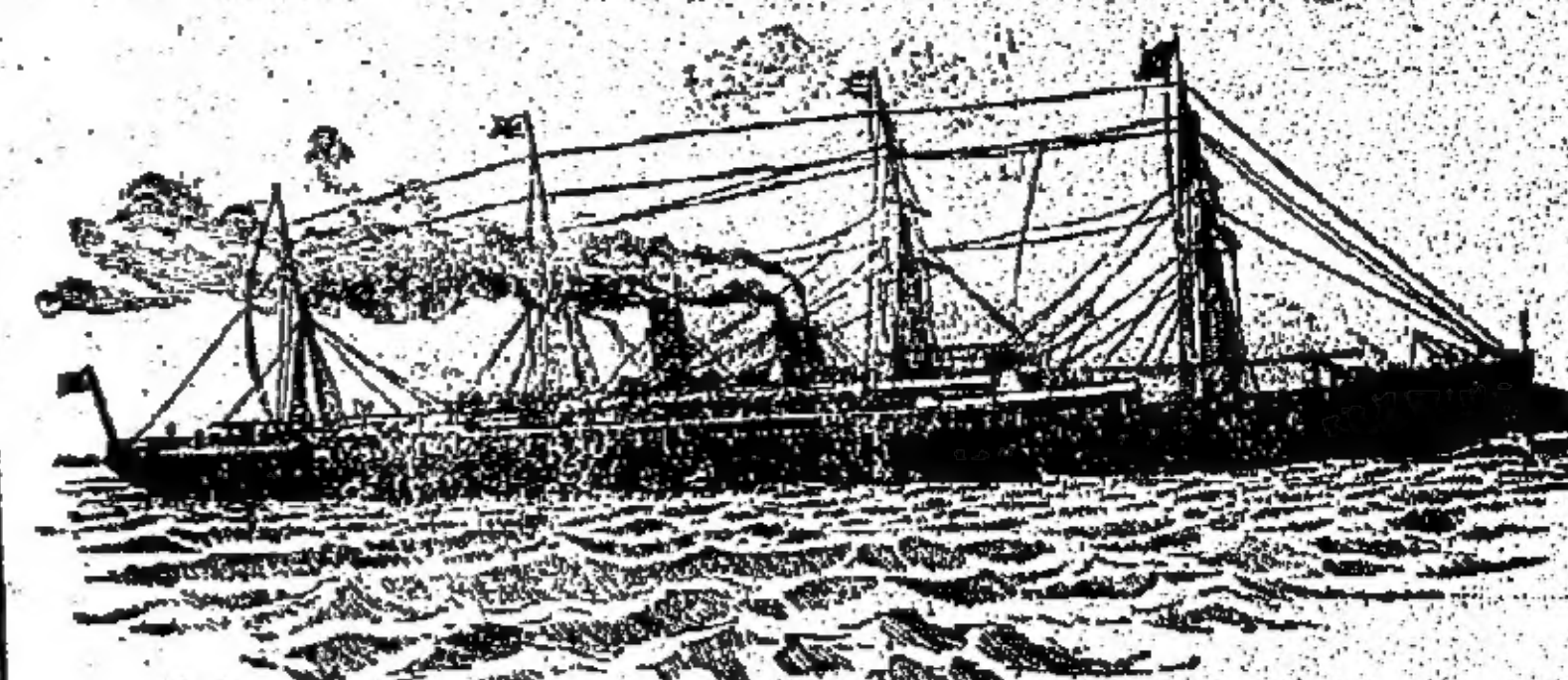
For particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the HEAD AGENCY, Java-China-Japan Lijn, ALEXANDRA BUILDINGS, TELEPHONE No. 375, Hongkong, December 27, 1904.

Shipping.

PACIFIC MAIL S.S. CO. OCCIDENTAL AND ORIENTAL S.S. CO. TOYO KISEN KAISHA.

U.S. MAIL LINES.

VIA HONOLULU. TAKING PASSENGERS AND CARGO TO JAPAN, THE UNITED STATES, MEXICO, CENTRAL AND SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE.



Only line taking the warm Southern Route across the Pacific, via HONOLULU, the most fertile and beautiful island of the Pacific.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.

CORPUS	4,352 Gross Tons	FRIDAY, 13th January, at Noon.
SIBERIA	11,334	TUESDAY, 24th January, at Noon.
MONGOLIA	13,639	FRIDAY, 2nd February, at Noon.
CHINA	5,660	FRIDAY, 17th February, at Noon.
MANCHURIA	13,639	TUESDAY, 28th February, at Noon.
DORIC	4,784	SATURDAY, 11th March, at Noon.
KOREA	11,276	FRIDAY, 24th March, 1905, at Noon.

Record Trip Yokohama to San Francisco made by s.s. KOREA, 11,276 tons, Oct. 18th-21st, 1902; 10 days, 15 hours.

THE P. M. Steamship CORPUS will be despatched for SAN FRANCISCO, via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, INLAND SEA, YOKOHAMA, and HONOLULU, on FRIDAY, 13th January, at Noon, taking Freight for Japan, the United States, and Europe. Passengers are allowed to break their journey at any point en route.

SPECIAL RATES (first class only) granted to Missionaries, Members of the Naval, Military, Diplomatic and Civil Services, and to European Officials in the Service of China and Japan Governments.

Through Bills of Lading issued for transportation to Yokohama and other Japan Ports, to San Francisco, to Atlantic and Inland Cities of the United States, via Overland Railway to Havana, Trinidad, and Demerara, and to ports in Mexico, Central and South America, by the Companies' and connecting Steamers.

For further information as to Passage and Freight, apply to the Agency of the Companies, Queen's Building.

E. W. TILDEN, Agent.

Hongkong, January 6, 1905.

BRITISH INDIA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR AMOY, STRAITS AND RANGOON.

THE Company's Steamship PURNA, Captain PRABHU, will be despatched as follows:—

For Freight or Passage, apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 4, 1905.

THE AMERICAN AND ORIENTAL LINE.

FOR NEW-YORK.

THE Steamship CROYDON, will be despatched for the above port on or about SATURDAY, the 14th instant.

For Freight, apply to ARNOLD, KARBURG & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 5, 1905.

SHIRE LINE STEAMSHIP CO.

FOR NAGASAKI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Company's Steamship DENVERGIE, Captain W. A. Evans, will be despatched for the above ports on or about SATURDAY, 14th January.

This Steamer has Superior Accommodation for Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., Agents.

Hongkong, January 5, 1905.

MESSAGERIES.

MARITIMES.

FRENCH MAIL STEAMERS.

STEAM FOR SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA, COLOMBO, INDIA, ADEN, EGYPT, MARSEILLES, LONDON.

HAVRE, BORDEAUX, MEDITERRANEAN, AND BLACK SEA PORTS.

THE Steamship DUMBEA, Captain CHARNOY, will be despatched for MARSEILLES on TUESDAY, the 10th January, 1905, at 1 P.M.

Passage Tickets and through Bills of Lading issued for above ports.

Cargo also booked for principal places in Europe.

Next Sailings will be as follows:—
S.S. AUSTRALIAN, January 24, 1905.
S.S. RHENUS-SIMONS, February 7, 1905.
S.S. POLYNESIAN, February 21, 1905.

L. BRIDOU, Acting Agent.

Hongkong, December 30, 1904.

AUSTRIAN LLOYD'S STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY.

STEAM FOR FLORENCE AND TRIESTE Direct, Calling at SINGAPORE, PENANG, RANGOON, COLOMBO, ADEN, SUEZ AND PORT SAID.

(Taking cargo at through rates to the BRAZIL, to SOUTH AFRICA, EGYPT, BLACK SEA, LEVANT, VENTON and Adriatic Ports.)

THE Company's Steamship ORINA, Captain TOMASOVIC, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 28th inst., P.M.

For information as to Passage & Freight, apply to SANDER, WILMER & Co., Agents, Prince's Building, Hongkong, January 4, 1905.

REGULAR STEAMSHIP SERVICE TO NEW YORK.

VIA PORTS AND SUEZ CANAL.

With Liberty to Call at Malabar Coast.

Proposed Sailings from Hongkong

STEAMERS	TO SAIL
GHAZEE	About Jan. 21.
SATSUMA	About Feb. 5.

For Freight and further information, apply to DODWELL & CO., LTD., Agents, Hongkong, January 4, 1905.

AMERICAN ASIATIC STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

FOR NEW YORK, VIA SUEZ CANAL.

With Liberty to call at the Malabar Coast.

PROPOSED SAILINGS.

S.S. RAS RASA	About 30th Jan. 1905.
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For Freight and further information, apply to SHEWAN, TOMES & Co., General Agents, Hongkong, January 7, 1907.

Shipping.

FOR SINGAPORE, PENANG AND CALCUTTA.

THE Steamship CATHARINE AFOAR, Captain A. BROWN, will be despatched for the above Ports on WEDNESDAY, the 11th inst., at 8 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to D. SASSOON & Co., Ltd., Agents, Hongkong, January 6, 1905.

FOR NEW YORK.

With Liberty to call at the Malabar Coast.

THE Steamship SENROA, will sail for New York from Hongkong on or about 23rd January, 1905.

For Freight and further information, apply to STANDARD OIL COMPANY OF NEW YORK, Oriental Freight Department, Hongkong, December 28, 1904.

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

TRANS-PACIFIC SERVICE.

FOR VICTORIA B.C. AND SEATTLE, WASH., VIA SHANGHAI, MOJI, KOBE AND YOKOHAMA.

THE Co's Steamship IYO MARU, Captain S. J. G. PARSORS, will be despatched as above on FRIDAY, the 27th January, at 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Building, First Floor, Chater Road.

A. S. MIHARA, Manager, Hongkong, January 5, 1905.

Notices to Consignees.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE PENINSULAR & ORIENTAL STEAM NAVIGATION CO.'S STEAMER COBOMANDEL.

FROM BOMBAY, COLOMBO AND STRAITS.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo by the above-named Vessel are hereby informed that their Goods are being landed and stored at their risk in the HONGKONG AND KOWLOON WHARF and GODOWN COMPANY'S Godowns at Kowloon, where each consignment will be sorted out Mark by Mark, and delivery can be obtained as soon as the Goods are landed.

This Vessel brings Cargo:—
From LONDON, &c., ex s.s. India and Syria.
From AUSTRIA, ex s.s. China.
From PERSIAN GULF, ex s.s. E. I. S. N. and B. and P. S. N. Co. steamers.

Optional goods will be landed here unless instructions are given to the contrary before 2 P.M. To-day.

Goods not cleared by the 7th Proximo, at 4 p.m., will be subject to rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by me in any case whatsoever.

Damaged packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Co's representatives at an appointed hour. All claims must be presented within ten days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognized. No claims will be admitted after the goods have left the Godown.

E. A. HEWITT, Superintendent, Hongkong, December 31, 1904.

PACIFIC MAIL STEAMSHIP COMPANY.

NOTICE.

CONSIGNEES OF CARGO per Steamship ALGOA.

Above Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby requested to send their Bills of Lading for counter signature, and to take immediate delivery of their Goods from alongside.

Cargo impeding discharge and undelivered by SATURDAY, the 7th instant, at Noon, will be landed and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatsoever.

Intimations.

MIYAKO HOTEL,
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A NEW AND STRICTLY FIRST-CLASS HOTEL.

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December 5, 1904.

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Hongkong, December 8, 1904.

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LONDON.
INCORPORATED A.D. 1851.

MARINE BRANCH.

THE Undersigned having been appointed
AGENTS for the above are prepared
to accept Risks at Current Rates.
ALEX. ROSS & CO.
Hongkong, April 28, 1904.NORTH BRITISH AND MERCANTILE
INSURANCE COMPANY.
TOTAL FUND at 31st December, 1903,
£1,268,830 10 0
I—Authorized Capital £3,000,000
Subscribed Capital £2,750,000
Paid-up Capital £2,827,500 0 0
II—Fire Funds 3,058,961 12 3
III—Life and Annuity Funds £1,164,188 16 7
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Revenue Fire Branch 1,835,128 0 0
Life & Annuity 1,615,758 11 9
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The Accumulated Funds of the Fire and
Life Departments are free from liability in
respect of each other.
Hongkong, June 18, 1904.FIREMAN'S FUND INSURANCE CO.
OF
SAN FRANCISCO, CALIFORNIA.
STATEMENT to 31st DECEMBER, 1903.
ASSETS, GOLD, \$5,858,820 97
NET SURPLUS, GOLD, \$2,156,118 50
INCOME, GOLD, \$3,470,787 53
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Polo Ground.
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necting Road (near Blake Pier).
GODOWNS PRATA EAST.
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVEST-
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Peak.
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THE HONGKONG LAND INVESTMENT
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ONE ROOM on the First Floor of
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Hongkong, December 10, 1904.TO LET.
GODOWN NO. 3, NEW PRATA,
Kennedy Town.
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Hongkong, November 21, 1904.TO LET.
ONE BEDROOM—Furnished, with
Board, with Private Family.
Apply to
Care of "CHINA MAIL" Office.
Hongkong, December 27, 1904.TO LET.
THREE FIRST-CLASS SHOPS, Euro-
pean Style, in Kowloon. Possession
in or about 31st August, 1905.
MODERATE RENTALS.
Apply to
HUMPHREYS ESTATE & FINANCE
CO., LTD.
Hongkong, October 5, 1904.TO LET.
AT East Point, a New BRICK-BUILT
2-STORYED GODOWN with Water
Frontage.
Apply to
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO.
Hongkong, November 25, 1904.TO LET.
NOS. 1, 2, 3 and 4, BARROW TER-
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from February 1st or earlier, if
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Station.
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TSUI CHAN,
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IRON, STEEL, METAL AND HARD-
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Retail and Wholesale Ironmongers, Pig Iron
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Quarters. Can be used as one dwelling or
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Splendid House, with every convenience,
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THE Undersigned has received instructions
to Sell by Public Auction, on
MONDAY,
the 9th January, 1905, at 2.45 P.M. at
No. 8, CAMBERG TERRACE, Kowloon,—
A QUANTITY OF
HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE
(Particulars from Catalogue).
Terms—Cash on delivery.
On View on day of Sale.
GEO. F. LAMBERT,
Auctioneer.
Hongkong, January 5, 1905.A LING & CO.,
FURNITURE STORE,
AND
FOOCHOW LACQUERED WARE.
88, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
HONGKONG.
Hongkong, September 3, 1904.WING SUN & CO.,
No. 54, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL
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NEW LOT of TWEED SUITINGS,
TROUSERSINGS and FANCY
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Also just unpacked of English make,
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Inspection Invited.
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STATIONER & PAPER MERCHANT,
No. 20, PRINCE STREET.
HAS always on hand every kind of
Stationery, Paper for Office Use and
Writing-paper, Copying Presses, Pencils
of the Best Make, and Automatic Cylinders
and Ballpoint Duplicators.
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JAPANESE CURIO STORE.
JUST Arrived a New Shipment of Artistic
Postal XMAS and NEW YEAR'S
CARDS and a Varied Assortment of XMAS
PRESENTS. An Inspection is Especially
Solicited. PRICES VERY MODERATE.
Hongkong, October 22, 1904.HONGKONG HIGH-LEVEL TRAM
WAYS COMPANY, LIMITED
TIME TABLE.
WEEK DAYS.
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